

**ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor**  
**Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries**

March 21, 2021 10:30 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated  
so the present can be lived abundantly.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Welcome to worship all those joining us on-line and those in the sanctuary. It is good to gather as the body of Christ.

Special thanks to Farrah Richards for providing special music today!

The Altar flowers are placed in memory of Charles and Betty Donner on their anniversary, by their children Jane, David, Connie and Daniel .

**A Time of Gathering**

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Landon Bielata, Lector

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES AND THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

Kellen Ritzert, Acolyte

PRELUDE

"My Hope Is Built"

Farrah Richards, soloist

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

*You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Landon Bielata, Lector

Leader: In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

**People: In the colors of the rainbow, we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.**

Leader: In the days of Moses, the words of God were written on tablets of stone, as the sign of a covenant between God and all of God's people.

**People: In the tablets of stone, we see the sign of God's hope for each to live in peace with God and neighbor.**

Leader: In the days of the prophet, God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.  
 People: **As members of the living Body of Christ, we see the sign of God's promise among us. Let us worship the God of Covenant.**

OPENING HYMN "We Have Come Into His House" (CCLI #17212) (bulletin page 5)

### **A Time of Prayer**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)

**O Lord, who has mercy on all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and enjoy you, for Christ's sake, in whose name we pray....**

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

A SONG OF ASSURANCE "Create in Me a Clean Heart" (bulletin page 6)  
 (sing straight through-do not repeat)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Journey to Calvary

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

**I need you every hour, in faith or fear,  
 Temptations lose their power when you are near.  
 I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you;  
 O bless me now, my Savior; I come to you.**

### **Dwelling in the Word**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their

ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SPECIAL MUSIC                      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”                      Farrah Richards, soloist

SERMON                      *Not Set in Stone*

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

May we give generously on behalf of the needs of the church and the world. You may drop off both offerings in the office, mail your gift, use a bank bill pay service or use the “give” button on the website. Thank you for your continued support of Zion’s ministries and the witness of the United Church of Christ bringing light throughout the world.

#### The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above you heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LITURGY OF DIMINISHING LIGHTS (Based on a service written by Alexander H. Wales)  
*During Lent, we remember the events that led Jesus to his crucifixion. He had come into the world to bring hope and light, but at every turn there were those who sought to extinguish that light. Like the Advent Wreath and our Christmas Eve service, the circle of gathering darkness created by the candles and the crown of thorns serves as a constant reminder of the role of human sin in bringing about the crucifixion and the need for Resurrection.*

RESPONSE IN SONG      “Savior, When in Tears and Dust” (verse one only) (bulletin page 7)

#### THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE                      “Come Thou and With Us Dwell”                      William Byrd

MEDITATION:              William Law, Anglican priest 18<sup>th</sup> century  
*We must alter our lives in order to alter our hearts, for it is impossible to live one way and pray another.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Good Shepherd Center Executive Committee will meet Tuesday at 7:00 at the GSC.

The Wednesday Evening Lenten Service/Discussion is at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

The Chancel Choir will rehearse at 7:00 on Thursday in the choir room. If you like to sing, come and join us!

- Next Sunday is Palm Sunday
- April 1 is the Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 PM
- April 4 is the Easter Celebration with Holy Communion.

The services will be held in the sanctuary and live-streamed on FB.

The Knitting Group will begin meeting again on Tuesdays at 1:00 in the Anderson Lounge. All knitters welcome! This group has made hats and scarves for AWARE, Keystone Adolescent Center, and the local schools, baby afghans for baptisms, lap blankets, and lots of red hearts for Valentine's Day! Come and join in the fellowship!

The Immerse Class begins on April 13. If you would like to participate and need a book, please tell Julie.

\*GATHERING SONG "We Have Come Into His House"

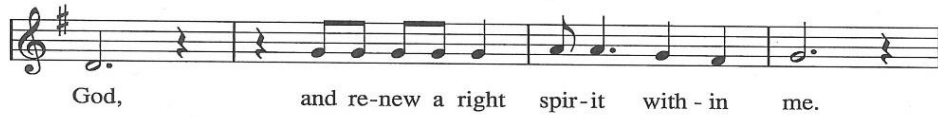
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WORDS: Based on Psalm 51:10-12

MUSIC: Unknown

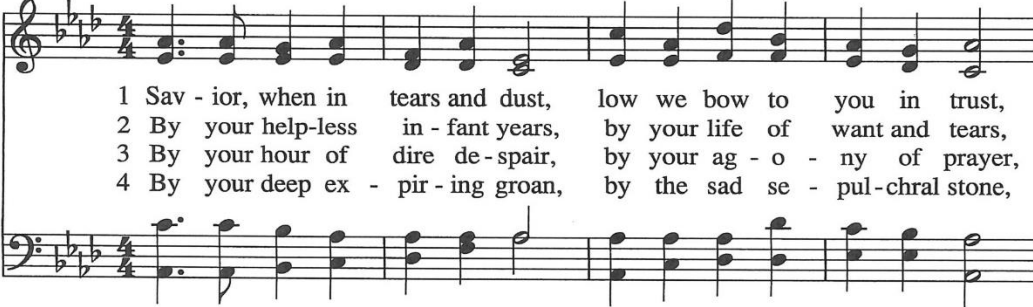
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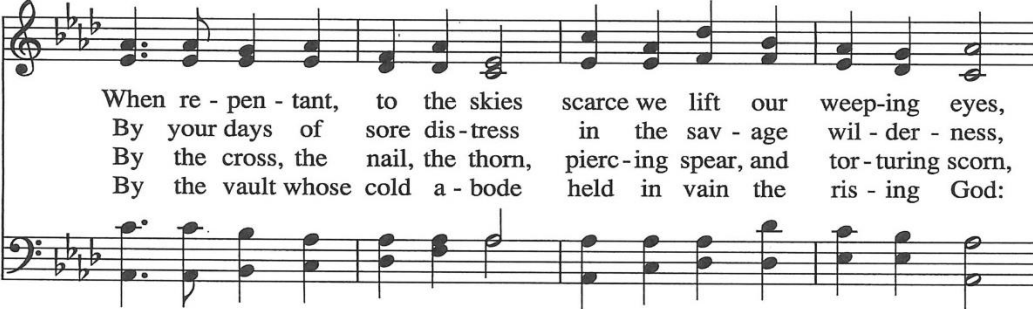
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## Savior, When in Tears and Dust

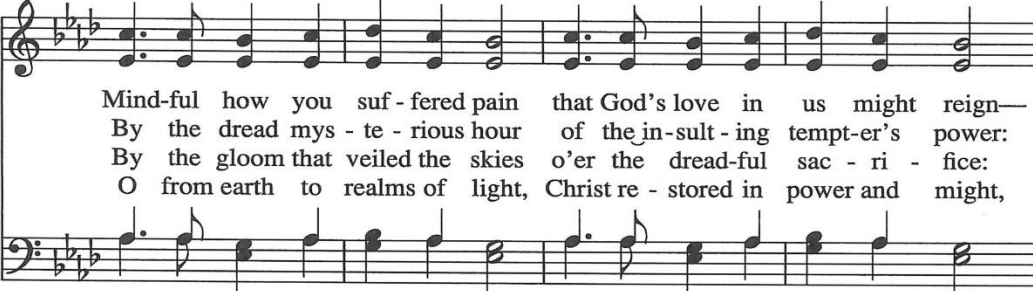
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*Robert Grant, 1815; alt.*


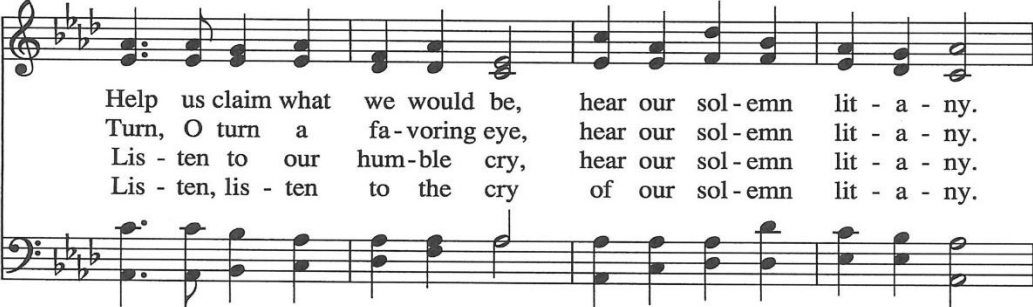
1 Sav - ior, when in tears and dust, low we bow to you in trust,  
 2 By your help-less in - fant years, by your life of want and tears,  
 3 By your hour of dire de - spair, by your ag - o - ny of prayer,  
 4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, by the sad se - pul - chral stone,



When re - pen - tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes,  
 By your days of sore dis - tress in the sav - age wil - der - ness,  
 By the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,  
 By the vault whose cold a - bode held in vain the ris - ing God:



Mind - ful how you suf - fered pain that God's love in us might reign—  
 By the dread mys - te - rious hour of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's power:  
 By the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice:  
 O from earth to realms of light, Christ re - stored in power and might,



Help us claim what we would be, hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny.  
 Turn, O turn a fa - voring eye, hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny.  
 Lis - ten to our hum - ble cry, hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny.  
 Lis - ten, lis - ten to the cry of our sol - emn lit - a - ny.

*Robert Grant—English lawyer, member of Parliament, advocate general, humanitarian, and author of a number of significant hymns—was born in India. He returned near the end of his life to become governor of Bombay.*

Tune: SPANISH HYMN 7.7.7.7.D.  
 Traditional melody  
 Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824